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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket No. (Optional)

01313/100H649-US1

In re Application of: David J. Smith et al.			
Application Number 10/010,711	Filed November 8, 2001		
For: CELLULOSE FIBERS HAVING LOW WATER RETENTION AND LOW CAPILLARY DESORPTION PRESSURE			
Art Unit 1751	Examiner Eisa B. Elhilo		

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  
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